



A downtown food shortage at the end of this week is a serious possibility as an employee lockout at Steinbergs is impending, A&P is selling all its Québec stores and Provigo is on strike. The government is recommending that Montréalers find a comfortable place in front of the TV, open the front door lower the thermostat and expect to be awakened when everything is wonderful again.

Stores shut down

by Joanne Tilden

Come Thursday students living in the ghetto might have to do all their food shopping at local variety stores. Steinberg plans to lock out its employees if it doesn't get its way.

If Steinberg employees do not accept management's new offer, which involves a wage freeze over the next year, they will be locked out on Thursday.

All A&P stores in Montréal have been closed and put on sale by the company, and 45 of 95 Provigo stores have been closed due to strikes.

Tonight, 7,500 Steinberg employees will vote on whether or not to reject the offer. The new contract offered does not amount to the status quo. Full-time employees will have to work one hour more per week for the wage they now receive. For part-time workers, the rollbacks will be more severe — from 25 to 35 per cent. A

cashier who now makes \$9.99 an hour will start earning \$7.99.

The new contract offer is part of Steinberg management's desire to cut labour costs, according to André Pilon, a Steinberg official.

"The food industry in the U.S. keeps labour costs down to 12.7," he said. Pilon added that Steinberg profits fell 60 per cent last year from the year before.

The United Food and Commercial Workers, the union which represents the Steinberg and Provigo workers, has told the press they would accept the two year wage contract which includes a four per cent increase in the second year if other demands are dropped.

Deceived

by Erika Rosenfeld

A deceptive calm hung over the McGill Moot Court during a day-long conference on Pornography and Censorship at the Faculty of Law Friday.

The atmosphere was strained as students, lawyers and faculty tried to maintain a staid, lawyerly debate in an area which is probably the most controversial subject in the women's movement.

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McGill workers walk again

Students staff pickets

by Molra Ambrose

Yesterday McGill's unionised workers were again on strike.

Picketing at Roddick and Milton gates, workers were joined by approximately 20 students and professors who

support their strike. McGill workers were part of a province-wide rotational strike strategy also causing walk-outs yesterday at Chicoutimi, Rimouski and Trois Rivières.

Workers are protesting job

security and employment classification changes proposed by the provincial government and accepted by McGill's administration. The workers have been without a contract for a year.

Student participant José Arroyo endorses the workers' action because "it is a fair strike".

"They are not asking for more money. They just want what they already have and it's important they should be offered at least as much as they used to have," he said.

"Having students on the picket line makes the workers feel much, much, much, better," he stressed.

The first incident between workers and people crossing picket lines occurred yesterday as a car drove through Milton gates around 9:30 a.m.

The driver did not stop as she approached strikers and students leafleting on the driveway, said protestors.

Union member Guy LaFleur said, "I saw her coming in from Milton. She was coming fast and did not stop. Two strikers were hurt when she hit them. Then a couple strikers hit the car."

According to witnesses, the car windshield was cracked and its side scratched when strikers reacted by hitting the car with their signs.

One of the workers hit by the car said his leg was bruised near the knee.

An administration source confirmed the incident, but refused comment.

The parking lot attendant, the car's driver and a friend returned a few minutes later to question strikers about the incident. A report was made to the administration, but Physical Plant officials were unavailable for comment.

Demonstrators customarily approach cars coming in both gates to give drivers leaflets through windows and to notify them of the strike.

"We have a right to cross with pickets and talk to them (the drivers). We allow people through, but tell people that don't have permits that they will not be allowed to park," said LaFleur.

"If delivery trucks come we ask them to respect the picket line. Besides, if they have food it is going to spoil and mail will not be delivered because there is no service inside."

"We don't try to hurt people. We are standing here losing our

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B.C. general strike

VICTORIA (CUP) — Premier Bill Bennett's televised plea for "reason" instead of "confrontation" over controversial legislation has diffused open threats of a general strike, but strike preparations continue.

At the University of Victoria, 1,100 students, faculty, and support staff packed the auditorium to attend an October 26 forum on how the strike would affect campus.

At this point it is uncertain how strike action would affect B.C. students but speakers from Operation Solidarity, a coalition of unions, students, and community groups condemned the government's sweeping restraint legislation that weakens unions and cut back on social services.

Speakers said the university community must be prepared for a general strike, and detailed possible strike scenarios.

Faculty association president Ben Shrimpton said UVic professors should have already told students what they plan to do if pickets go up around the campus. "If they haven't, ask them to," he said.

He said some faculty members may hold classes of campus.

And student society president Brian Stevenson said students will ask the university senate to pass a motion allowing students to respect picket lines without threat of academic penalty.

Shrimpton said Bill 3, which

allows the firing of government workers without cause, is an attack on the very foundation of universities — freedom.

So far only one student society, Douglas College in New Westminster has officially voted to support a general strike, says Stephen Leary, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students-Pacific.

But most B.C. student unions, faculty, and support staff are members of Operation Solidarity, said Leary.

"Many students still feel this doesn't affect them. We're trying to impress upon them it will, especially if campuses shut down," Leary said.

Student teachers at an October 15 strategy conference for Operation Solidarity said the major concern of students is that their year will be lost, not the decision to support unions by not crossing picket lines.

But Leary said faculty are the key. "If there's no classes, students can't go."

Leary said the federation is contacting campuses to get them to prepare for a strike by telling students how long it would be before their year is lost and how to lessen the effects of the strike.

Leary said if student unions and institutes maintain essential services, there will be less confrontation with strikers.

CFS is urging student unions to move their offices off campus so they can still serve students during a strike.

Meanwhile, the federation also plans to continue educating students through leaflets, rallies, classroom speaking and guerrilla theatre, Leary said.

University of B.C. and Simon Fraser University students have held general meetings to map out their strategies if pickets close institutes.

If a general strike proceeds, job action will escalate by sector, Larry Kuehn, B.C. teachers' federation president said October 24.

He said the education sector will probably go out early—after government employees who likely will be the first to strike.

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salary, we don't stand here to get hurt," he added.

The striking workers, members of Local 298, the Service Employees' Union, syndicated under the Fédération des Travailleurs du Québec (FTQ), encompass the university's maintenance staff, printing personnel and residence and Faculty Club workers.

Union and administration officials said representatives of both groups would meet on Thursday to discuss issues postponed last March when new contract negotiations began.

The postponed issues were those that affect university

workers province-wide. All universities in Québec sit at the same sectorial bargaining table to negotiate with unionised workers. One agreement is established at the provincial level for all employees in a certain sector of the labour force and difficulties at individual universities are settled locally.

Last March the Parti Québécois gave a mandate to arbitrators to settle local issues before discussing sectorial problems. The discussions at McGill tomorrow will focus on sectorial issues put off last Spring.

According to LaFleur, tomorrow's meeting was called by the administration and will include only verbal, not written, discussion.

Saturday, union representatives met to discuss the impact of last week's rotational strikes

at other universities. McGill's unionised workers walked out last Monday as part of rotational strikes at universities across the province. McGill workers also walked out last Tuesday.

"At other universities there is good co-operation from professors and students. It is not the same at McGill. It's not in the same context (here) because at other universities secretary and library (workers) are in unions," said LaFleur.

LaFleur said that representatives at Saturday's meeting examined the possibility of a general strike, but made no definite plans.

The ad-hoc strike support committee was in action again yesterday, staffing picket lines and distributing leaflets. Established by students and professors last week to support the demands of unionised workers, the group will function as long as strikes continue.

The strike support committee will hold an information meeting today at 2 pm in room 310 of the Union building. Everyone is invited and union and faculty representatives will attend to answer questions.

Professors respect picket lines

McGill professors are reacting to the legal strike, according to students and academics across campus.

Students wishing to boycott classes in support of the maintenance workers' strike have been successful in getting professors to cancel classes. No exact number of cancelled classes has been determined, but many professors respect students' right to respect the picket lines. Although the official university position is that students have few rights during a strike, individual professors are willing to cancel class or discuss the strike issues.

A number of options are open to students urging professors to cancel class:

- Notify the professor of the strike by phone or in person and

ask that he or she cancel class.

- Speak to the class about the strike and encourage them to support picket lines. At least debate the issues.

- Take a vote in class to determine if it should be cancelled.

- After advising your professor, leave the class, announcing that you are doing so in support of the strike.

- If you boycott classes due to the strike, notify your professor afterwards of your decision.

Students suffering penalties for respecting picket lines can consult with Students' Society's Vice President University Affairs Steven Matthews (392-8972), Dean of Students Dr. R. Stevenson (392-5287) or the Associate Dean of Students Dr. Kay Sibbald (392-5364).

Maira Ambrose

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Principal Johnston is seen here in his modest office gravely concerned about whether a strike settlement with the maintenance workers would make them too comfortable.

SAC vs. conflict of interest

by Leela Rau

"Some people can only have their minds opened with sledgehammers," said Paulette Blais, a veteran member of McGill's South Africa Committee (SAC).

SAC has not decided to begin a campaign of violent action, but Blais said, and all members concurred, that "it is a long, tedious process educating students on South Africa."

SAC is planning to place classified ads in the *Daily* to commemorate people, particularly students, killed in Soweto riots.

From June to November 1976, young black students protested the South African government's imposition of a law-making Afrikaans a mandatory language in half the courses in all schools. Peaceful demonstrations and boycotts

turned bloody, as time and again police opened fire on defenceless crowds. The South African police estimate that 500 died. Most blacks put the toll in the thousands. A true figure has never been determined.

According to SAC co-coordinator Jeremy Rawlings, "Soweto is viewed by most as the turning point in black activism in South Africa within the last decade. The name has been synonymous with the repression that the Black South African is subject to."

Continuing its mandate of four years, SAC is attempting to get McGill to divest from companies with assets in South Africa.

This year, however, SAC will place an emphasis on the question of conflict of interest. Co-coordinator Elise Moser explained, "This occurs when

governors vote on financial motions which affect them either personally or professionally. Most of the members of the Board of Governors are personally wealthy and/or working for large corporations."

"For example, governor David Culver is an Alcan executive, which has operations in South Africa. When he votes on divestment he cannot be expected to take an unbiased view on whether his corporation's profitable affiliate should be closed down. Therefore he should not vote," she added.

Looking to the future, SAC is planning an awareness week next semester. Still in the planning stages at the present time, it is hoped that a number of films and speakers will be obtained to discuss varying aspects of the South African question. This education week is expected to culminate in a demonstration.



WOMEN'S NOTES

Group studies women in French literature

Students from the Department of French Language and Literature met Monday night to create a research group for studying the role of women in literature (called *Réprésentation de la femme dans la littérature*). The students, principally from the Masters and Doctorate program in the department, will launch their first event this Monday at 20h00 with a lecture by Simone Vienne on *La femme et l'imaginaire*. This is the first event of its kind in the department and has emerged after a lengthy planning stage.

Vienne, Director of le Centre de L'Imaginaire de Chambéry at l'Université de Grenoble, is the author of works on Jules Verne and George Sand, as well as articles in various magazines. The lecture will be held in Peterson Hall at 3460 McTavish and all are welcomed to attend.

No more cock-rock!

People who find Mick and most other music offensive should check out WuWu Music on Radio McGill. The show, aired Mondays from 17h30-18h30, is run by a five-women rotating collective and covers women's issues and women's music. The collective made up of members of the McGill Women's Union has chosen to stray from such traditional feminist musicians as Holly Near and instead play music by people like Lori Anderson, The Slits, and Marianne Faithfull. Joan Armatrading launched the first show. News included in the program will focus on McGill.

Interested women are encouraged to help out, or give programming suggestion. Phone the Women's Union at 392-8920.

Health Discussion Series

The McGill Women's Union kicks off their four-week long Lunch Box Health Series at noon Thursday. Topic for the first session is "Tailoring Contraception to Your Needs," and will offer basic information on birth control. Subsequent meetings will focus on other issues key to women's health.



Dance for womyn

An all women's dance will be held this Saturday, November 5th at Aux Ateliers Populaires, 350 rue Boucher (métro Laurier). The dance starts at 21h00 and tickets are \$3.50. There will be daycare services on site. Profits from the dance will be donated to le Mouvement contre le viol.

Hejira extends deadline

The new McGill women's arts journal, Hejira, has extended its deadline for submissions to the premier issue to Wednesday November 9th. The journal accepts contributions of poetry, reviews, prose, photos, graphics, shorts stories etc.

Submissions are accepted at Professor Berg's mailbox in the Arts Building. For information, call 844-4697, and ask for Paula.

If you haven't seen it yet

The National Film Board production on pornography, *Not a Love Story*, will be screened this Saturday at Café Commun-Commune, 201 Milton and Ste. Famille at 20h00. From the NFB's women's film-making branch Studio D, the film gives a shock-tour through New York City's strip and peep shows, pornographic theatres and magazines. Its footage is riveting and has served to intensify the debate on pornography.

Suzy Goldenberg

Bill C-157 needs editing

Bill C-157 started out as a good idea. The original intension was to act on the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry Concerning Certain Activities of the RCMP.

We were to have a separation of the security services from the RCMP, the prevention of future illegal abuses, a "precise legislated mandate" for the service, a "clear definition of those threats to security which are to be investigated", autonomy of the service to prevent political uses, an independent parliamentary review and exclusive judicial control over illegal activities.

What went wrong?
Only the first proposed reform is actually in the bill.

Far from prevention, the proposed legislation seems to encourage illegal abusive operations by letting officers do whatever is deemed reasonable (s. 21.1) while guaranteeing them immunity from prosecution (s. 21.2).

It is difficult to consider a mandate to "collect by investigation or otherwise and analyze and detain information and intelligence respecting activities that may on reasonable grounds be suspected of constituting threats to the security of Canada" (s. 14.1) as precise.

The four categories of definitions constituting "threats to the security of Canada" (s. 2) could almost cover any activity: any act (a) "toward or in support" of another state or (b) "clandestine or deceptive" or (c) "for the purpose of achieving a political objective" or (d) "directed toward or intended ultimately to lead" to a change in the established system of government.

The autonomy granted the new service far exceeds the amount needed to protect against political intervention. The bill creates a veritable fiefdom of unlimited discretion headed by the new Director of the service.

Not only does the director not require the Solicitor General's approval to investigate (s. 14.1, 15.1, 18.b) but the minister cannot even override the decision (s. 3.a & b). The minister is limited to issuing "general directions" (s. 6.1).

This was not what the McDonald Commission recommended. The government is hiding behind "governmental impartiality" in order to wash its hands of responsibility for its own employees' actions. This move will effectively erase ministerial responsibility making normal "democratic" recourse to elected representatives useless.

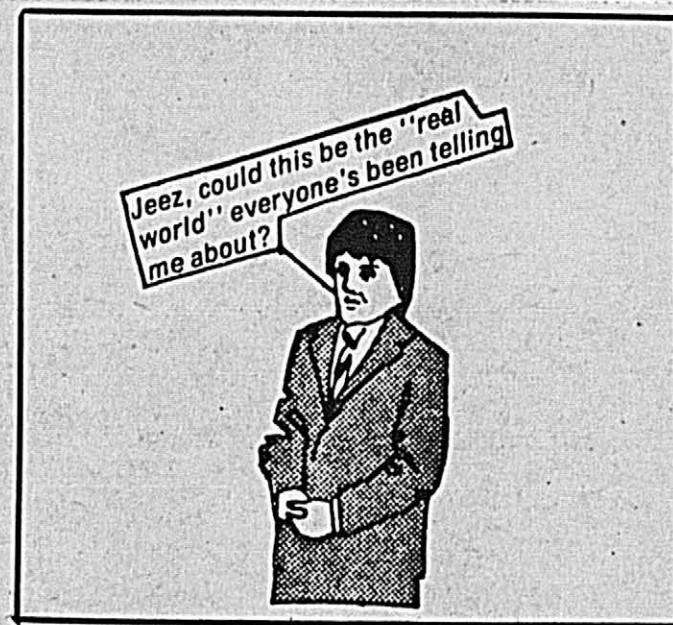
Instead of an all-party parliamentary review committee as McDonald intended, the bill creates a toothless, publicly unaccountable cabin-appointed three-member internal committee (s. 30.1). Even in this review stage, no public forum is assumed. The committee may hold all meetings in private (35.1).

Authorisation of illegal operations is removed from the Solicitor General and given nominally to the judiciary. But most power is accorded to the director of the service who can determine by his own preference and criteria whether he considers an act illegal. In fact, the bill makes him the final judge to decide if his officers' illegal activities are also "unreasonable" and only then may he consider them unlawful (s. 21.2).

This bill is certainly no improvement to the status quo. In most respects it actually worsens the problems that it supposedly set out to resolve.

Bill C-157 will die on the order paper of the current parliamentary session. As it is, it should stay dead. The Solicitor General Robert Kaplan has promised to reintroduce it with changes in the next session. He has said the changes would not just be editing "but a question of principles". All the better. He has much rewriting to do.

Jeffrey Edwards



HYDE PARK

Strike glossary

Strike: A situation in which workers withhold their labour in order to apply pressure against management. This is done to strengthen the workers' position in the negotiation process. Workers are deprived of their regular income during strikes — they are not paid vacations.

Union: An organisation made up of workers formed to promote and protect the members' common interests. Allows workers to negotiate with a single voice.

Collective bargaining: The process wherein the collective interests of workers are represented by the union in negotiations with the centralised authority of management.

Job security: Guarantee of stable conditions of employment and protection from arbitrary dismissal.

Job classification: Akin to "job description", this ensures that a worker will be required to do only that work for which she or he was hired.

Common front: An alliance of unions formed on the same principle as unions themselves. This is often effective when dealing with a large and powerful employer, such as a government.

Rotating strike: A strike which occurs especially among workers of a common front. This strike takes place at different times and places in order to put pressure on management without causing undue inconvenience to consumers of services.

General strike: A complete shutdown of

services. This action is always the absolute last resort.

Lock-out: A tactic used by the employer. Workers are prevented by management from entering a work site. This affirms management control in a labour/management dispute. It is also intended to disrupt collective activity.

Picket line: A common form of protest used by workers during a strike. A miserable way to spend the day, particularly in the cold. When a work site is being picketed, the line extends to all entrances, not just those where people are standing with signs. This is a symbolic blockade, and to cross the line is to act against the workers.

Scab: A term of contempt applied to those who perform the functions of unionised workers during a strike. This is illegal in Québec.

Cutbacks (specifically in education): Reduction of services in response to reduced resources. All cutbacks in education affect us. At McGill, the cutbacks that threaten to take away the jobs and job security of maintenance workers are the same cutbacks that close the library at 10:45 p.m. — or, for that matter, the number of teachers available. Included under "cutbacks" are such measures as increased tuition fees and decreased financial aid.

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LETTERS

Reductio ad Absurdum

To the Daily:

I find it ironic — and also ridiculous — that Moira Ambrose's article advocating the refusal of corporate donations comes in the midst of the McGill support staff's agitation for more money. Ambrose is begging for astronomical tuition fees.

I, like Ms. Ambrose, abhor the very idea of apartheid. But I also abhor the atrocities committed in Viet Nam and Cambodia by American forces. So maybe we should refuse admission to McGill of all American students. After all, they do pay their tuitions with American imperialist dollars. Since I abhor what the Iranians did to 52 American hostages two years ago, let's refuse admission to all Iranian students. I abhor the holocaust, so no more students of German extraction. Let's not forget Pearl Harbour. Samuel Bronfman, Frank Dawson Adams, and Peter Redpath were all capitalists who exploited the working class, so let's close down and board up the buildings they donated to McGill.

Through exaggeration, I am proving that Moira Ambrose's association between the McGill Board of Governors and South African racism is too vague, and this vagueness can be applied to many other areas of University operations.

If we told the Royal Bank, the Bank of Montreal, and the Bank of Commerce to bug-off, we wouldn't be able to stop there. We would have to scrutinize all of McGill's groups, boards, and councils, flush out the ones that are remotely associated with crimes against humanity, and purge ourselves of them.

We can't single people out in this regard; it's everyone or no one. Ambrose is showing the traditional stance of the soft Left by going for the well-established and high-profile groups like the Board of Governors.

Corporate endowments are the lifeblood of this University, and without them we would cease to exist. Using Ambrose's reasoning, all corporations have questionable affiliations. Ambrose is advocating suicide.

The title of the Ambrose article was "BoG Needs Checks." Well, Ms. Ambrose, McGill needs CHEQUES, so I suggest that you thank the powers that be that Governors Frazee, Webster, and Hamilton are coming across with those much needed cheques.

Allan Dwyer
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Namby Pamby

To the Daily:

As I closed the last issue of the McGill Magazine, I reflected for a moment on my sense of loss.

Ah, the good old days of school spirit and boyish fun in the stadium. Remember when girls organized societies to help them catch virile young husbands and boys nicknamed each other Slinky and Tiger? The campus was green and fresh then, and the elm trees had yet to know of any disease.

Ah, but I grew up in the terrible seventies. Ruthlessly, my naïveté was destroyed as I watched the 6 o'clock news (when my parents let me, of course). Watergate, Vietnam, OPEC, ecology crisis, disco and nuclear bombs. Geez, it'd be nice if everyone just got along.

You know, I really can't understand why people in other countries don't just let the United States lead them down the free enterprise path. If they could only see the benefits of individuals striving for success: the creation of huge companies making millions of dollars, flooding the markets with useful and beneficial goods. Companies like Gulf & Western, Delmonte, Rockwell Int'l, and Dow Chemical spring to mind. Institutions of great and lasting service to the world, based on a free and unhindered economy.

Ah, unhindered, the scourge that is big government! Taxes, bah, who needs them? Being from a family that makes \$25,000 a year, believe me, we need all we make. My mother can't even get a new refrigerator because we're helping to pay the cost of some student we don't even know go through university. And I'm sure those people, the 10% of the population that pay 45% of the taxes, want a new fridge too, to go with their three cars, two houses, and the condo in Florida.

And the alternative in the McGill Magazine sounds so good! Don't tax the

great corporations, such as the one that sells sugared water, because the tax just gets passed to the consumer; instead, ask the corporations to donate money, which they'll gladly take from their profits.

The other alternative suggested is to ask alumni to give money back to their beloved alma mater. This way profs, who know where their bread comes from, will be more responsive to potential donors. Thus those few graduates who do get well paid jobs, such as lawyers, doctors, and business management students, will be able to share their opulence with those who educated them. I imagine the business management department will have to take over the offices of the Anthropology and History departments with all the money it'll be getting.

Ah, don't the glories just thrill you? We must set about immediately to ignore world problems, enclose ourselves in an ivory tower of purity, with a little "naïve rainkiness," and be young carefree souls again. You say you're too mature and critical for that sort of tripe? Come on, everyone likes the movie Bambl.

Brad Wylenko

Contracted Studies

To the Daily:

I intend to cross the picket lines. I want an education, as do most students, and I've paid tuition, as well as satisfied all academic requirements, in order to attend my classes. This is a privilege and a right, contracted with the administration of McGill, for which I've worked hard. It is illogical for me to boycott classes.

Implicitly acknowledging their duty to do so, the administration has agreed to remain open as long as possible.

If I boycott classes to show my support with the workers, I believe that I have broken my implicit contract with McGill and deserve no compensation for the missed educational opportunities offered in exchange for my tuition. By boycotting classes, I will, moreover, probably hinder the cause of the maintenance workers by not using the facilities they were employed to maintain, i.e., the university no longer needs as many workers, can prolong the strike, and will save money: my tuition and the workers' wages.

If, however, I demand my education, and if I insist on attending classes, I will use the facilities. Then, and only then, will the need for more maintenance become apparent. At that point, the University will be shown to have broken its "contract" with the students.

If classes are cancelled, if basic services, such as lighting, heating, and hygiene are disrupted, students have a legitimate complaint against the administration for not providing a quality of educational opportunities implicitly promised on payment of tuition. In fact, a greater, more radical, and more effective pressure, at this point, could be brought against the McGill administration by a student class action demanding restoration of services or restitution of tuition. This might force the University to settle very quickly. Indeed, with its workers.

This stance, the stance of a serious student demanding quality education, seems to be the only moral response to a strike between administration and workers. I, therefore, urge every student to continue attending classes. If professors or administrators, because of failing maintenance, curtail services, cancel classes, cut hours, etc. — then do students have an effective tool of protest against an evidently failed administration.

Paul Leverdure
MA 2, Church History

Strike Support

To the Daily:

We, the majority of the class taking History of Anthropological Theory, support the valid and legal strike of McGill's maintenance workers. To show our support, we have and will continue to boycott our class on those days the rotating strike establishes a picket line at McGill.

We vehemently oppose the administration's lack of respect for the strike, and thus refuse to join them in ignoring this necessary and valid action. The maintenance workers are part of the McGill community; in support for maintaining a relatively equitable community, we will support the valid claim for job security of an integral part of that community.

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Strike Support II

To the Daily:

We, the majority of the class taking "Research Techniques" (Anthropology 461A), support the valid and legal strike of McGill's maintenance workers. To show our support, we have and will continue to boycott our class on those days the rotating strike establishes a picket line at McGill.

We vehemently oppose the administration's lack of respect for the strike, and thus refuse to join them in ignoring this necessary and valid action. The maintenance workers are part of the McGill community; in support for maintaining a relatively equitable community, we will support the valid claim for job security of an integral part of that community.

As elected representatives of the majority, we herein sign this petition. Professor Carmen Lambert supports the students' boycott. Class size: 21 students.

Gerard Bergeron
Sophie Charette
Carmen Lambert

The American Way

To the Daily:

Hypocrisy is defined as follows in the Oxford dictionary: "Simulation of virtue or goodness; dissimulation; pretence."

Rumour has it that Canada is contemplating sending troops to Grenada to "police" the transfer of power between regimes or administrations of this country. This action will explain the meaning of hypocrisy perfectly. Naturally you are going to wonder how? Especially since having a "police" force in Grenada would speed up the withdrawal of the invading U.S. troops and help the stabilisation of the country.

No doubt any government that would succeed the present situation would be tailor-made to meet U.S. specifications thus: it would be "democratic." Democracy for the United States implies the people of the U.S. elect a president who in turn establishes the governments in other countries, thus rendering them "democratic."

The Canadian government protested the U.S. invasion on the grounds that it was unjustified, but if the invasion is unjustified how can we justify helping to achieve the major goal of the invasion, i.e., changing the government in Grenada?

The only parallel I could draw from this is: if one is hypocritical enough to condemn somebody for murder on one hand and helps to hide the body on the other.

Mr. Q.

Women's Safety

To the Daily:

Due to recent assaults in the public washrooms at McGill it has become necessary to make women aware of the possible dangers in these and other isolated areas around campus. As a result, the Senate Subcommittee on Safety for Women Subcommitted a poster to be fixed to every cubicle door in all women's washrooms. The motivations behind this act are applauded, but constructive criticism must be made.

First, it must be noted that the illustration of the unkempt male, seemingly perverse and deranged, leering over the door perpetuates the long-held myth that this is what assailants look like. In fact an assailant can be anyone. In addition, the poster is unnecessarily intimidating.

Secondly, the posting of an emergency phone number in a washroom cubicle where no phone is available is ineffectual. We propose a poster that outlines the following tactics in dealing with a washroom assault:

1) Breathe deeply — it will be easier to think straight in the event of an emergency.

2) Run if you can.

3) Yell for help as loudly as you can.

4) If you are trapped, punch or kick your assailant with all your strength to the stomach or groin area.

5) When you reach safety, find a telephone and dial 3000.

6) If you need to, call the Sexual Assault 24-hour crisis line: 287-9656.

7) Take note of your assailant's clothes, hair, height — any details that can help to identify him later.

But posters on cubicle doors are not enough! The installation of alarm systems have proved effective in emergency situations in subways and elevators. Perhaps this addition can be made to all washrooms and isolated areas at McGill University. Furthermore, the Subcommittee must urge women to take the Women's Self-Defense courses to learn effective skills in defense and preventative measures.

We feel we have listed some practical responses to a potentially dangerous situation. Let us take the matter seriously and act with conviction.

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Lesser Evil

To the Daily:

While I am opposed to America's "imperialist" invasion of Grenada, I nonetheless see it as the lesser of two evils — the other being "Communist" (Marxist) invasion. Kuitenbrouwer, Nerenberg, Smith in the October 28 *Daily* quote Karl Levitt who was "sure that had they been left alone, the Grenadian people would have re-established popular government." She must be either very wise or precognizant to take such a stance which is shared by many others. Does the populous-at-large assert itself in East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Rumania, and the USSR?

What is more important to me beyond the facile descriptions as "imperialist" or "communist" is a simple phenomenon: the right to leave, if a person is dissatisfied. Where is this right in Cuba, the idealized archetype of Communist/Socialist regimes in Latin America and the Caribbean? And did Cuba purchase some of its progress and prosperity by its commitment to the Russian "party line" (sphere of influence)?

Also, I think it's a naïve misrepresentation to say that "at press time, Grenada's people are still fighting the Marines." Who are Grenada's people? Grenadians or Cubans? Also, those Cuban "workers" supposedly helping to build the new Grenada International Airport are remarkably quick and adept at jumping in to military fatigues and fighting as well as professional soldiers.

J. Wasserman, MD
McGill Alumnus

Stick to Campus

To the Daily:

I am writing in response to the numerous articles that have recently appeared in *The McGill Daily* referring to the American invasion of Grenada.

First of all, as a university newspaper, *the Daily* should deal with issues affecting the life of the McGill student. Yet gross generalizations concerning the actions of the United States are all I read about these days.

Unwarranted comments such as, "It's been a long time since the United States had the chance to send the boys in for a Hollywood-style flag-raising..." (October 28) show your obsession with unrealistic stereotypes of Americans and their way of life. In addition, comments such as, "Some American students passed, identifiable by their accents..." (October 31) are both uninformed and unjustified. These remarks imply that all Americans speak alike and share the same mannerisms.

Furthermore, the Canadian who does not know what it is like to live in the United States should not pass judgment on the American people as a whole, who do not necessarily agree with the policies of their government.

Why don't you stick to issues which you are qualified to criticize, such as tuition hikes and strikes by university employees? As it stands, I find *The Daily* unqualified to make such harsh criticisms as have been made in the aforementioned articles. You certainly are entitled to your biases, but you will never get me to accept your unwarranted allegations.

I am an American and I am proud of it. As such, I hope that in future articles concerning the United States, *The Daily* will demonstrate the objectivity expected of good journalism.

Laura Hallahan
U2 Arts

Racist Pharmacists

To the Daily:

As a foreigner, I never believed in the existence of racism in Canada until recently after witnessing what happened to a friend of mine. It left me frustrated and irritated since.

It was seven o'clock on a weekday night. I went with my friend into a pharmacy on Park Avenue (the only one close by which was still open). The pharmacist was talking happily with two ladies (not foreigners). The moment my friend said Hello and handed him the prescription, the pharmacist turned cold. He then asked my friend for his Medicare card, but since my friend is a foreign student, he only had a Blue Cross card. When the pharmacist saw the card, he bluntly said, "I said Medicare card!" My friend explained and the pharmacist took the card with much unwillingness. He then asked, "Shouldn't everything on a Blue Cross be typed?" My friend's mouth infection was hurting him so badly then that he could not talk. So I answered that that was how they did it at registration and I offered to show him my card. I also told him that other pharmacies which I have been to accept it.

Persistently, he called upon a man from the other end of the pharmacy and asked the same thing. Then he picked up the phone to call to check (I don't know with whom). My friend got very irritated and tried to explain in more details. However, his attempt to explain was cut short by the other man's rude statement, "Be quiet if you want to be served." This made me wonder if that's how these people treat sick and desperate people? Or is it sick desperate and "foreign" people?

The pharmacist hung up and instead of telling us the result of his checking of the card, he simply told us, "We are out of one of the ingredients on your prescription." My friend did not believe him and wanted to argue but I thought we were better off going somewhere else (although anywhere else would be a lot further away).

Our society nowadays talks so much of human rights and equal rights, maybe this so-called "educated professional" should be re-educated. Moreover, because I saw the way these two pharmacists treat their needy customers, I don't think they deserve to be called "professional" nor the simple "educated."

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Witch-hunting, now and then

by André Picard
Witch.

The word evokes thoughts of an ugly old hag standing over a boiling cauldron, tossing in bats' wings, frogs' eyes and newts' blood to create a potion that will enable her to cast a spell on innocent children and engage them in lewd sexual acts. Her male counterpart, naturally, is the devil, horned and full of stench...

These myths still exist today, in a society which dares to call itself modern and enlightened.

And despite our best efforts to disbelieve such "nonsense," witches still exist today. In fact, there are neo-pagans of every description: Gardnerians (followers of Gerald Gardner), Continental witches, *Streghe* (Italian witches), Aphrodisians (worshippers of Aphrodite),

Ferafarians (who devote themselves to the lyrical union of ecology and art) and Dianic (or feminist) witches.

There are even witches in Canada, though they don't necessarily ride brooms or have warts. Before we take a closer look at the followers of "wicca," however, we should first dismiss the common misconception of equating witchcraft with satanism.

Satanists, devil-worshippers, are rebellious Christians who choose to worship "evil" rather than "good" and thus, intrinsically, they accept the Christian duality between good and evil. Pagans, for their part, see good and evil as indivisible parts of a cosmic whole, as allies.

To even begin to understand witches, we must first understand our prejudices. Our society's mores and our language are inextricably shaded by Christian definitions, names, biases and paranoias.

To give the subject a fair trial, we must set aside the ingrained preconceptions which lead us to believe that darkness is evil, deities are male, the moon is sinister, males are orderly and wise, and females are irrational and inferior.

The pursuit of knowledge should lead one to hack through the dense undergrowth of Christian symbolism, to comb through the dense fog of muddled mythologies, to distinguish the forest from the trees.

An intriguing and timely path to follow in our study is that of the Dianic Craft, as the parallels between the persecution of witches and the persecution of feminists are frighteningly similar, though perhaps scaled down and polished in the computer age.

Witchcraft is an earlier, bloodier version of the battle of the sexes, of the fight for equal rights. The same misogynist myths which fuelled the genocide of the matriarchal religion during the Inquisition are resurfacing in the condemnation of feminism and equality.

Yet placed in a historical perspective, that is to be expected.

Witch-hunting, ancient or modern, serves a variety of purposes. Politically, it can be used to do away with an enemy or to divert blame from the rulers. It can be used to intimidate one class (women, the poor) and

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keep them under the thumb of another. It can be used to strengthen shaky ecclesiastical authority. It can shift emphasis away from economic and health problems such as famine, plague, and war.

Bloodshed in the name of God has been a tool for the repression of women. In fact, it has taken thousands of years of oppression, war, idol-smashing, book-burning, genocide and holocaust to make us worship male gods over female goddesses.

Witches were tortured and burned at the stake for a variety of reasons, all church sanctioned: women caused impotence, they were carnal temptresses (erectons and wet dreams were reputed to be bewitchments), they were unfit to rule (not physically strong), they were able to heal (the Devil's work) and weak-willed because they confessed to their "crimes."

(Tortures used to extricate confessions were numerous and imaginative, and also church sanctioned.)

Swimming (or ducking) meant the accused was bound and cast into a body of water. If she sank — and drowned — she was innocent; if she floated she was the devil's own child, having been rejected by God's water, and put to death.

Weighing consisted of weighing the witch against the Bible or other sacred weights. If heavier, she was possessed by an Earth spirit — and guilty; if lighter, she was possessed by a fire spirit — and guilty.

Strappado was the process of tying the victim's arms behind her back, securing her feet with weights and hoisting her violently into the air several times until she confessed, her arms came out of the sockets, or she died.

Thumbscrews are self-explanatory. The boot was a vicious leg-breaking device. The Black Virgins was a hinged, life-sized iron form with spikes inside to pierce, but not kill, the victim.

After the "confession," the accused was burned alive at the

stake. (The "lucky" ones were hanged first.)

This negative attitude towards women is far from dead, though it has taken different forms. The depiction of women in pornography is often as violent and repulsive as some of the medieval tortures. Scientists are still discovering that females are biologically inferior, because of brain size, menstruation, muscle mass or something. The latest *Cosmopolitan* contains an article on how liberated women cause impotence and sexual frustration in their partners. Christian deities and priests are still male.

Our system of morality divides women into two classes — whores and virgins — and predisposes the male to a conquest mentality. This stems largely from the Christian view of female excellence (as depicted by the Virgin Mary) which honours the woman as mother, but refuses to acknowledge her power to give life. Yet another point is that the control of women's bodies is predominantly in the hands of male governing and law-making institutions (re: the abortion debate).

Witches can be exceedingly beautiful or horribly ugly, remarkably intelligent or profoundly shallow, overly gentle or markedly cruel. Either way, men are victimized by her power, a condition devoutly unwished, which society tells him to retaliate against. Hence, persecution.

Feminism represents female freedom, female power, female sexuality. But the torture and burning of witches represents the fierce retribution women fear will follow immediately upon their exercise of freedom, power and sexuality.

The neo-pagan movement is growing and feminism is not the only reason.

It would be foolish to pretend that it is a mass movement seriously threatening the established church, but it is interesting to note the reasons for its growth.

Withcraft, a pantheistic religion, is increasingly concerned with ecology and the way the planet is being plundered in the name of Christianity. In addition to environmentalists, pacifists are disillusioned by religious institutions which speak for peace but covertly support war.

Feminists find themselves unable to support religious traditions that have institutionalized the inferiority of women. There is a growing voice (even among worshippers from traditional followings) crying for the recognition of the feminine principle present in creation, whether she is called Queen of Heaven, Mother Goddess, Mother Nature, Aphrodite, Persephone, Innana or Mary.

Neo-pagans of all persuasions are restless. They feel religion is out of touch with modern life and fear that witch-hunts will come before changes to the establishment.

In fact, modern witches see themselves as more "religious" than contemporary Christians. Practitioners of the Craft feel that they need rituals, prayers (for the living and the dead), celebrations of seasons, celebrations of births, mournings of deaths and meditation.

Modern pagans are not simply going through the motions and plugging their money into the church machinery. They have a craving for creativity and self-dedication through wor-

ship; they are dedicated to practices which will ease the individual's progress through life (and death) and join them together in a meaningful community.

On the other hand, they have abandoned the church as yet another politicized secular organization, a real-estate conglomerate and powerful lobby for the oppression of women, and they are counting on an increasingly large number of people to do the same thing.

Witchcraft is experiencing another resurgence in popularity in the 1980's, as it did in the 1910's and 1950's, both times of ultra-conservatism in North America. Unfortunately, many are attracted for the wrong reasons: to attend orgies, to learn spells, to hex their enemies and to shock their parents.

But there are good reasons to be attracted to the Craft: to return to a religion that worships Nature, to acknowledge

the forces of sexuality (without necessarily participating in orgies), to question the failings of organized religion, to learn ancient techniques of healing and meditation and to promote the ultimate equality of the sexes.

Then again, you might want to turn to the pagan religion to answer the many questions which emanate from your subconscious and imagination during every full moon or on Hallowe'en.

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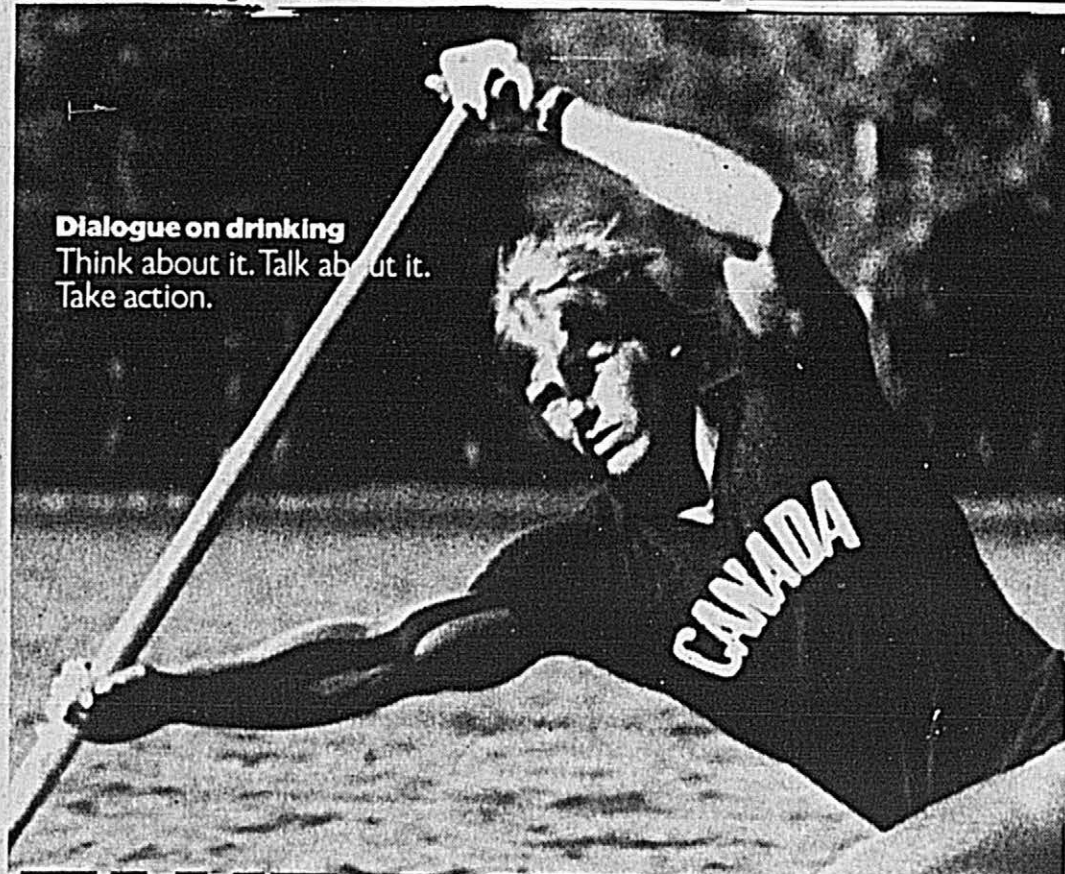
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...Pornography and Censorship

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Feminists argue that pornography leads to crimes of violence against women — rape, sexual harassment, wife beating. Less obvious, but equally important, they believe pornography poisons the relations between men and women making it even more difficult to attain equality for the sexes.

Civil libertarians, on the other hand, maintain that freedom of expression is too precious and fundamental to allow any encroachment by state censorship.

Lynn King, a Toronto lawyer and feminist, argued against the discretion of provincial censorship boards to prohibit the showing of films they do not approve of. A 1978 Supreme Court decision found that the provinces have the power to censor films as part of their authority to regulate trade.

King said she mistrusts the ability of appointed officials on censorship boards to determine what is and isn't fit for public consumption.

Instead of the prior restraint, imposed at the broad discretion of provincial censorship boards, King said she would prefer to see changes in the obscenity provisions of the Criminal Code. These provisions would make it very clear which depictions will be punishable.

"If the legislature has the guts to say where they want to draw the line, let them say it; but don't leave it to censorship boards so that they change from day to day depending on what they think people want."

No protection

King said she objects to the current obscenity provisions of the Criminal Code because they do not protect women from pornography, which she defined as any representation that is harmful to women.

King said the obscenity laws catch the "ordinary, everyday" depictions of sex. "What they seem to let go, what they don't even charge are the really degrading things."

Pornographers evade the obscenity laws by avoiding representations of penetration but they are permitted to depict scenes of coercion and violence against women in the absence of sexual intercourse, said King.

"So if a woman is being strung up on

a meathook, that isn't protected, they say, because that's just violence."

She said that depictions of women being killed or mutilated, or simply abused are often done with the intention to arouse but will not fall under the obscenity provision of the Criminal Code because they are not explicitly sexual. Under the Criminal Code obscenity is defined as "the undue exploitation of sex."

The federal government is looking at a possible amendment to the Criminal Code which will include general notions of pornography and degradation in the definition of obscenity. King is not hopeful that the amendment will effect any real changes in the law.

"To me... it's a cheap way for the government to assuage women's complaints by giving them a general defini-

tion of pornography in the Criminal Code. I'd rather see equal pay for work of equal value, daycare...so that women would have a sense of power. Then maybe there would be less pornography because women wouldn't be in such a degrading position to begin with."

Ken Swan, chairperson of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, said that neither censorship or criminal legislation against pornography are justified.

"When you start to waive freedom of expression you have to give it an enormous amount of weight because of the danger of any encroachment. Only when a freedom — in this case freedom of expression — infringes on another's right not to be harmed is its infringement justified."

Swan said that social or economic harm is not enough. Physical harm must result directly from the depiction. Such a relationship between pornography and violence has not been proven.

The Piggy-back threat

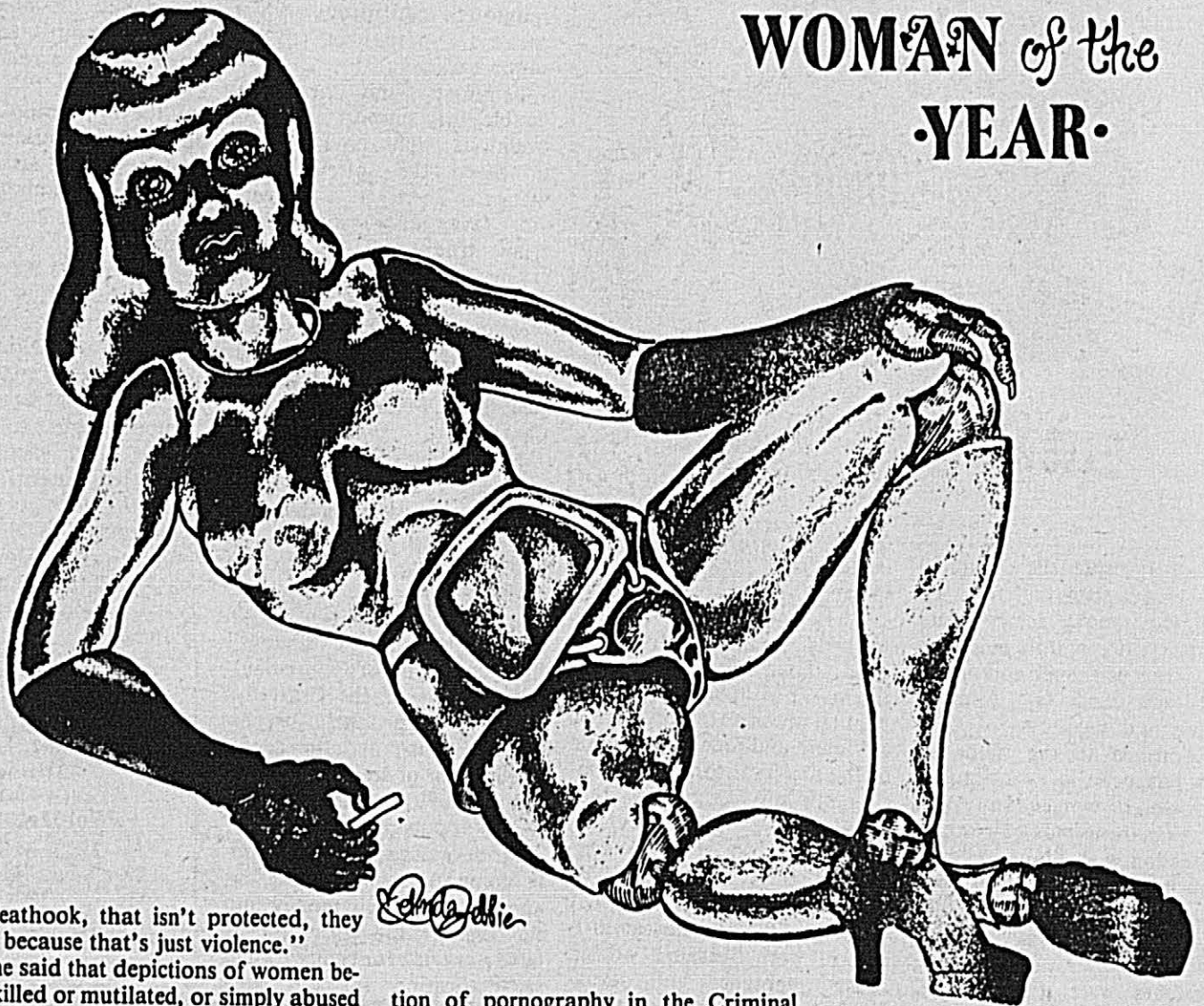
Not only is it wrong to encroach on freedom of expression, said Swan, "it's dangerous." He said once we permit the infringement of free expression in the crusade against pornography, we leave the door open for others to piggy-back along.

"People who would like to piggy-back along are among the most oppressive sections of our society and most oppressive indeed to the women's movement."

He said it is impossible to draft a definition of pornography that would catch pornography but spare depictions of eroticism and legitimate artistic expression.

"The Criminal Code obscenity provision which is essentially useless against what we are calling pornography — portrayals of sexual violence in isolation

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from actual sexual intercourse — has been used against a broad range of artistic and political, education and social expression."

Hate literature

Feminists argue there is a hate literature provision in the Criminal Code to protect minorities from racial violence. Why not include a provision against pornography to protect women against sexual violence?

Swan disagrees: "The hate literature section in the Criminal Code has not to my observation stamped out fascism or fascist expression in Canada."

"On the other hand, in 1978, the section was invoked to jail U.S. anti-war protesters who were picketing the Shriner's parade in Toronto with signs saying 'Yankee go home'."

"The problem with a vague definition (of pornography or hate literature) is that it really makes the police the front line censors, the prosecutors the second line censors, and the judges only the third line censors."

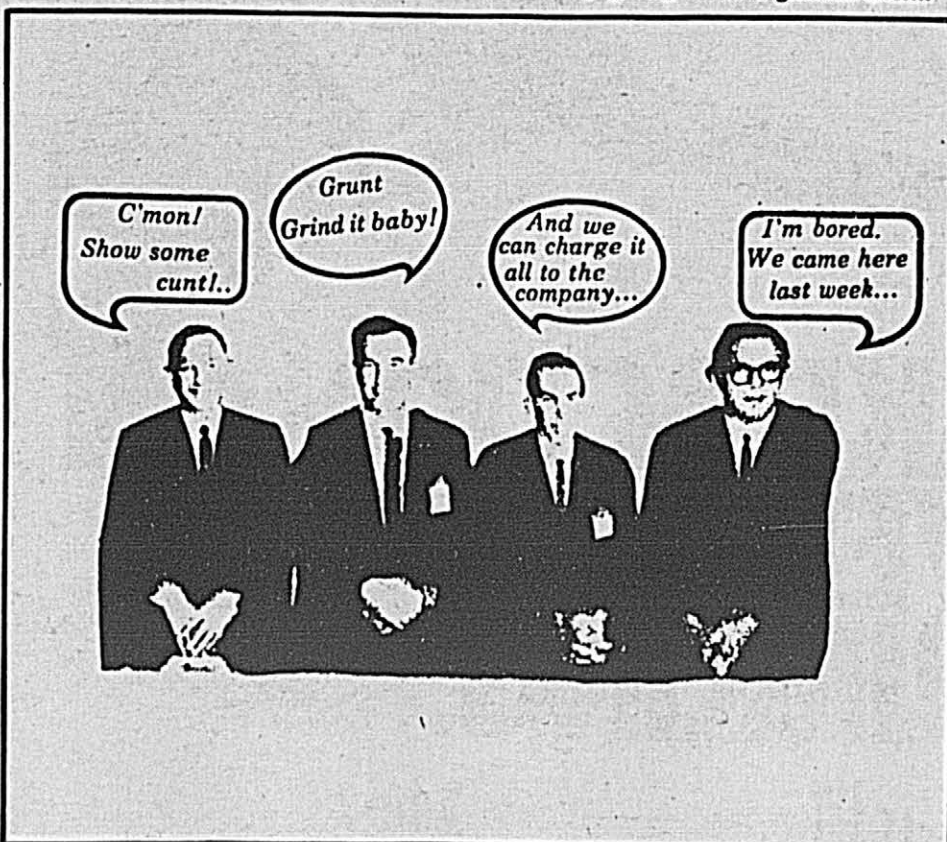
Swan said the debate between feminists and civil libertarians over the issue of pornography is "a rift among friends."

"As progressive forces we can't allow debates of this sort to come out in the open."

"I don't give a damn about the freedom of speech for pornographers. What I'm interested in is freedom of speech for everyone else."

Finally, Swan argued the suppression of pornography may make it harder to identify and combat whatever it is in the human element that tends to the subjugation and degradation of women.

"It can't be all fantasy. It must...express a reality."



FEATURE

Québec student movement tangle

by Jenny Beeman

To most students at McGill, the Québec student movement is an enigma of acronyms, vague histories of political fighting, ideological differences and most recently much mud-slinging and name-calling.

Presently, a move towards broad-based student organisation is suspended while the two existing large student associations poise to attack each other. McGill is a member of ANEQ, (l'Association nationale des étudiantes du Québec) along with two other universities, Concordia and UQAM (l'Université du Québec à Montréal) and sixteen CEGEPs. ANEQ was formed in 1974.

ANEQ has a mortal enemy — RAEU (Rassemblement des associations étudiantes universitaires). RAEU was the university caucus of ANEQ before it split in 1979 to form its own association because university students, who were contributing the most money, were frustrated by the CEGEP domination in numbers and sometimes overbearing youthfulness.

The chasm between the two groups has deepened as very different beliefs of what a student movement should be. ANEQ is based on a evolving political awareness particularly in feminism and disarmament, and strongly expressed in firm opposition to the policies of the PQ government. RAEU executives on the other hand, would seem to be the contented employees of the PQ. RAEU has been more than helpful in forming the PQ's Law 32, in fact the original suggested outline was made by the RAEU executive.

Law 32 gives the government the power to question arbitrarily the legitimacy of any students' association.

It states the methods by which a students' association may be accredited by imposing the procedure. Government positions will be created for accreditation agents who can question the legitimacy of a student association. If questioned a students' association must "prove" by referendum that it represents the students it claims to represent. For example, at McGill where only a tiny minority of students participate in Students Society elections, a "recognition" referendum would reveal that Students' Society is no more the student government than the Backgammon club.

The law is viewed by ANEQ and RAEU from diametrically opposed positions.

RAEU supports the Law. ANEQ has called for a province-wide student strike in opposition to the Law.

Patrick Gagnon, McGill Students' Society V.P. External, "contrary to members of ANEQ, I am somewhat favourable to it. (Law 32). It is by no means perfect, but it does protect students' associations by making sure the administration provides basic rights to any accredited association.

"It could facilitate the administration's possibility to infringe on the autonomy of the association," he said.

The law also covers the collection of fees by the administration for the association.

According to Gagnon, "the administration is not obliged to give the money that it collected en block, but can regulate where the money can go."

The law has been unequivocally denounced by both Concordia and UQAM.

CEGEPs vs. Universities

Gagnon explained his preference for RAEU saying that "I feel much more comfortable working with universities" towards achieving the goals. "We share similar interests and outlooks on the problems facing us."

Gagnon believes that the student movement will accomplish little if the current fighting continues. He favours a system of two separate organisations working together on the same issues but each being autonomous.

"These two movements are going to have to fuse again with an autonomous university group. The CEGEPs would have autonomy without being infringed upon by the universities, but we would never leave the CEGEPs out in the cold," he said.

ANEQ is dominated by the CEGEPs because the system of proportional representation favours their larger numbers.

According to Pete Wheeland, ANEQ Secretary of Information, ANEQ is considering a structure where universities are given more representation. Concordia this year is paying by far the largest fee to ANEQ. They are paying one dollar per student which comes to \$20,000 according to Genevieve Morin, V.P. External at Concordia. She said that they see their money being put to good use at ANEQ and foresee no changes in their affiliation.

When McGill, in last April's referendum, disaffiliated itself from RAEU and joined ANEQ for one year, we negotiated a one year fee of \$5,000. But there will have to be another referendum this spring to decide whether we should stay in ANEQ or join RAEU.

According to Gagnon, the other issues that make him "favorable to RAEU" are their "pragmatic approach to working with the government to make changes from within."

RAEU will "not take divisive political stands" such as the ANEQ stand on the 1980 referendum. ANEQ stated its support of the "oui" position which caused difficulties at McGill, an anglophone institution. "But 80 per cent of McGill's budget is from the government which we have to deal, so we could not come out against it. It would have put us in a really difficult position," said Gagnon.

There would seem to be a logical inconsistency in the idea of not taking certain political stands yet working literally hand-in-hand with the PQ.

Big-time competition

The competition for associations is strong between the two groups as was seen by the campaigns before the referendum on October 28 at MacDonald Campus. Students voted 168 to 72, out of about 1,000 students, in favor of remaining in RAEU.

Wheeland (ANEQ) was disappointed by the vote as well as by the "propaganda flinging by both sides. We pumped a lot of money into the campaign which was a waste.

"This is not where we should be putting our money and energies," he said.

Dreams of reconciliation

Gagnon hopes that McGill can play "a conciliatory role, not meaning leadership, in the student movement."

The ANEQ student strike planned for November 15 is off at McGill, Concordia, University of Montréal, Bishops, University of Laval and University of Sherbrooke due to various factors, the most important of which is that universities that are also RAEU members refuse to strike against Law 32.



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SPORTS

Redmen surge over Stingers

by Glen Cunningham

The surging McGill Redmen rode the trailwinds of two clutch fourth quarter field goals by star kicker Richie Klimas and the emotional charge of Mario Chagnon's blocked convert to beat the Concordia Stingers 22-21.

Klimas kicked the Stingers out of the playoff picture by hitting from the 41 and 45 to overcome a 21-16 Stinger lead midway in the fourth quarter, sending the Cinderella Redmen on to Kingston next Saturday where they will try to make it two in a row over the league champs.

McGill jumped to an early 9-0 margin. Klimas hit a 40-yard single, and Crawford threw to Joe Eveleigh a 24-yard scoring strike, and Klimas added a convert with a kickoff single to establish early momentum.

Concordia rebounded with a Joe Cerino field goal and a Frank Piuleggi one yard touchdown plunge to knot it at nine apiece. Then a play by Chagnon told the tale of what this Redmen team is about. "Shaggy" crashed through and blocked the kick, and the

Redmen ran off the field

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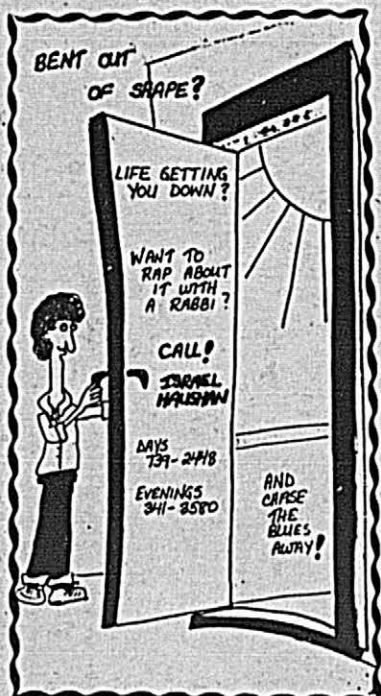
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Though the festival boasts

130 films and 100 videos from 25 countries, it is disturbing to note that the vast majority of the films are Western European or North American. There is only one feature film from Latin America (from Brazil), none from Africa. Eastern Europe is similarly absent, and Japan is the sole representative of Asia.

The cinematic sensation of last year's festival was Wim Wenders who presented his autobiographical *The State of Things*. That honour will undoubtedly go to Jean-Luc Godard who will be in Montréal for the North American premiere of his latest work *Prenom: Carmen* (Cinema Outremont, November 13, 21h30). Based loosely on Bizet's opera, Godard's 46th film features Godard himself as "a middle-aged insane director."

The other scoop of the festival is the film of Wagner's opera *Parsifal* made by Hans Jürgen Syberberg, probably best-known for his controversial *Our Hitler*, a film from Germany (Outremont, Nov. 6, 13h00 and Nov. 7, 19h00).

Of interest to the more literary film fans is Susan Sontag's fourth film *Giro Turistico senza Guida* for the highbrows and *Burroughs*, made by Howard Brookner, for the lowbrows. It's a documentary about Burroughs in which the subterranean novelist visits old haunts, reads from his works and acts out a passage from *Naked Lunch*.

There is also a section of films and videos on the issue — Nuclear War. They will be screening *The War Game* by Peter Watkins, who will attend the screening, and *Hell Unlimited*, an anti-war film that Norman McLaren made as a student in 1936. *SL-1*, about the first nuclear accident, and a video of Joan Harvey's *America: From Hitler to MX*, will also be shown as part of the anti-nuke series.

Each year the festival focuses on one country's film industry and this year's choice was Greece. Included in the tribute to new Greek cinema will be Theo Angelopoulos' *Alexander*

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Unpretentious Rita pleases

by Robert Costain

Superficially, the film *Educating Rita* doesn't have too much going for it. Its director, Lewis Gilbert, is a veteran of three James Bond films, a dubious achievement at best. The movie is based on a long-running London stage play, which suggests that its content is probably static. Its final apparent liability is its casting of a very well known actor, Michael Caine, amongst unknowns, a device which is often used to make a film a box office draw while keeping the budget fairly low.

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The plot is a kind of modern *Pygmalion*. Intellectual development replaces class development and the student in many ways ends up surpassing the teacher. It is the story of the relationship that develops between

an English professor (Michael Caine) and a poor, uneducated hairdresser (Julie Walters) who wishes to escape her dreary existence through education.

Gradually, student and teacher exchange roles. The teacher becomes more and more dependent on his pupil for emotional support while the pupil achieves intellectual independence.

Michael Caine gives a superb performance as the drunken professor who guides Rita, the hairdresser, on those first few steps to becoming "an intellectual free spirit." His portrayal is usually amusing, but betrays a deep sense of tragedy as the film progresses. Caine does his best acting in low key films, and his characterization in *Educating Rita* is one of the better roles he has played in recent years.

Though no acting heavyweight, Julie Walters (who played Rita on stage) brings the right amount of intensity to the part. Her most moving scene is the one in which she

watches her husband burn her school books because he wants her to stay home and raise a family. Unfortunately, she does have a bit of trouble playing a 27-year-old character. She seems older and wiser.

Educating Rita is definitely not a cinematic mile-stone. Its originality is often questionable and since several characters were added in the conversion from the stage to the screen, many situations are very poorly developed. This is especially evident in the slapstick scenes in which Caine's girlfriend and her lover attempt to cover up their adultery. Though somewhat humorous, it tends to steal impact from the film.

However, for those who chose not to question it too heavily, *Educating Rita* is a reasonably entertaining film. It is especially recommended for those who are tired of gratuitous violence in film today. It is not necessarily too deep but it does better than simply pass the time for a couple of hours.



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the *Great*, which won the Golden Lion at the 1980 Venice Film Festival.

The festival starts this Friday and runs until November 13th. It's a non-competitive festival, unlike the World Film Festival, and inevitably has more surprises than its "establishment" counterpart. It's cheaper too.

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Access McGill — meeting today at 18h00, Union B06. All welcome. Bake sale from 10h30 to 13h00 on Union first floor.

Amnesty International — Urgent Action meeting at 17h00, Union 415. All members invited to attend: every letter helps.

Armenian Students' Association — weekly get-together from 12h00 to 15h00 in Union 403.

McGill Chess Association — meeting today at 18h00 in Union 412.

Kabbalah — with Rabbi Ronnie Fine. 12h15 to 13h30, Union 425-426.

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Women's Union — meetings: at 17h00, "Let's Talk Strike" and other general business; at 18h00, "Sylvia Plath, her life and work." Union 423.

Christian Meditation — at noon led by Benedictine Oblate Derek Smith. Open to all. Green Room, Newman Centre (3484 Peel). Info: 392-6711 or -5890.

McGill Film Society — screening of *Persona* in L132 at 20h00. Guest speaker. Redpath Hall — organ recital at 12h15. Bach's Prelude & Fugue in D, Hélène Paneton.

Pollack Hall — Baroque flutist Claire Guilmond, with gamba and harpsichord. 20h00.

Jewish Philosophy — study group with Rabbi Ronnie Fine, 19h00 to 20h00 at Chabad House (3429 Peel). Info: 842-6616.

McGill Ski Team — important general meeting, 17h00 at 920 Sherbrooke. All members should attend.

Rencontre Edition Française — 15h00, Gert's II dans le sous-sol du Union. Aspirantes Trotteuses (et Trotteurs) bienvenu(e)s.

Assemblée Générale — des étudiants du département de Langue et de Littérature française à 16h00 au Salon des étudiants du Peterson Hall.

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THURSDAY

Québec, careers and you — find out about employment opportunities at the Alliance Quebec meeting. 16h30, Union 107.

McGill Christian Fellowship — George Cowen of Wycliffe Bible Translators will be speaking at 18h30 in Union 302.

Community McGill — meeting at 16h30 in Union 408. Anybody interested in volunteer work welcome.

Russian & Slavic Studies Students' Association — holding its first "conversation hour" at 15h00 in Bronfman 666.

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McGill Student Pugwash — presents the film *Growing Dollars* followed by a discussion on agricultural development with economist Karl Levitt. 20h00 in room A9 on first floor of McConnell Engineering building.

Lecture on Suicide — with Dr. Erika Gudbröl, Director of Psychology at Douglas Hospital. 15h00 in Stewart Biology room S1/3.

Liberal McGill — presidential elections, 17h00 in Leacock 411.

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McGill Caribbean Students — important meeting at 18h00 in Union B15.

Developing Area Studies — as part of Seminar Series on Renewable Resources and Appropriate Technology, W. Rybczynski of the School of Architecture will lecture.

Department of Sociology — "The Politics of the Family: A Comparative Theory" with professor Randall Collins of the University of California - San Diego. 14h00, Leacock 738.

Pollack Hall — McGill Wind Ensemble and University Chorus. Programme includes "Celebrations" to poems by Whitman and a premiere of Brian Cherney's "In the Stillness Between." 20h00.

McGill Film Society — screening of *The Bridge over the River Kwai* in Leacock 132 at 18h30 and 21h30. Saturday: *Ordinary People*, same times, same place.

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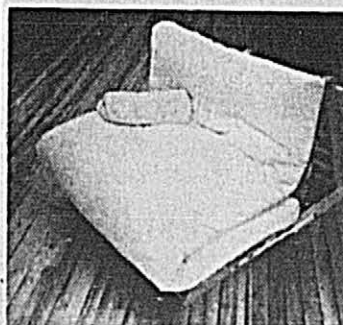
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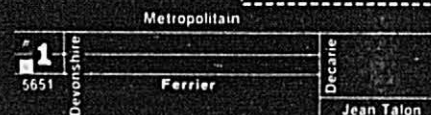


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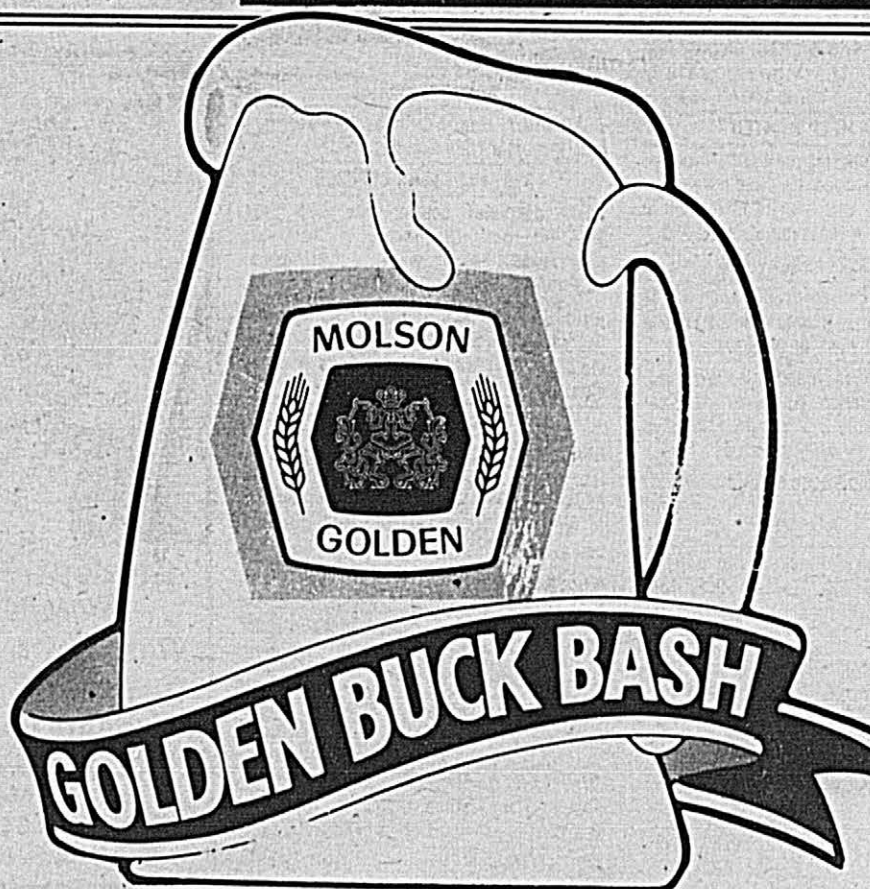
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